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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Thjuan P. Knowlin

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 June 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on June 22, 2005 has been entered. No claims have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-12 are still pending in this application, with claims 1 and 7 being independent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sarradin (US 5,387,784).
3. In regards to claims 1, 4, 7, and 10, Sarradin discloses a method and system for effecting user payment for a purchase by means of a mobile station (See Fig. 1 and terminal 1-n) of the user in a telecommunication system that includes a telephone network (See Fig. 1 and switched telephone network 30) to which the mobile station is connected via a wireless communication link (See Fig. 1 and central station 10), a network application (See Fig. 1 and network interface 50) connected to the telephone network and a mobile station application, comprising the steps of: generating in the network application a user profile from modes of payment employed by the user;

generating by means of the network application, when the mobile station user is to make a purchase payment, a mode of payment message based on the user profile for transmission to the mobile station; presenting, on the mobile station, user-selectable payment alternatives; and generating a response message based on user input in response to the presented payment alternatives and sending the response message to the network application (See col. 2 lines 5-16, col. 2-3 lines 67-13, and col. 4 lines 46-59).

4. In regards to claims 2 and 8, Sarradin discloses a method and system, wherein the user-selectable payment alternatives presented on the mobile station are defined in the mode of payment message (See col. 2 lines 52-66, col 4 lines 46-59, and [claim 5, col. 5 lines 2-28).

5. In regards to claims 3 and 9, Sarradin discloses a method and system, further comprising the step of defining, for inclusion in the mode of payment method, a control code for identifying the network application (See col. 1 lines 9-22).

6. In regards to claims 5, 6, 11, and 12, Sarradin discloses a method, further comprising the step of requesting, by the network application, additional information from the mobile station by means of which a payment is to be effected (See col. 1 lines 9-22 and col. 2-3 lines 52-13).

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. O'Hagan et al (US 6,595,417) teach an electronic shopping system. Mahany et al (US 6,654,378) teach a transaction control system including portable data terminal and mobile customer service station.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P. Knowlin whose telephone number is (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

10. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

11. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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